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VIPD's 'Operation Ten-Day Rush' Yields Guns, Drugs, Arrests

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From left to right, mugshots of Shaquil James, Lyndon Thompson and Kyambo Adams.
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ST. THOMAS — The V.I. Police Department said Sunday that “Operation Ten-Day Rush”, an effort that came as part of Phase 2 of the V.I. Crime Initiative, saw three suspects being arrested in St. Thomas on gun possession and drug charges. A previous initiative on St. Croix [saw three arrests as well](#).

Firearm and Drug-Related Arrests

According to V.I.P.D. spokesman Toby Derima, on August 24 officers arrested Shaquil James, age 24 of Bonne Esperance and charged him with possession of unlicensed firearm and possession of a firearm with an obliterated serial number. James was found in a vehicle in the parking lot of a business in Havensight with a backpack that contained a handgun with the serial number obliterated, police said.

On August 26, police arrested 37-year-old Kyambo Adams of Anna's Retreat, charging him with possession of an unlicensed firearm and possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute. Officers were conducting patrols in the Smith Bay area when they met Adams, who was found with a gun and a considerable amount of marijuana, according to the V.I.P.D. release.

On August 28, 49-year-old Lyndon Thompson was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute. Officers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle operated by Thompson. He was found with cocaine, marijuana, and drug paraphernalia, the release said.

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St. Thomas-St. John Chief of Police Steven Phillip thanked both Deputy Chiefs Richard Velazquez and Vivian Newton for what he said was their leadership, and he praised the men and women of the police force for their dedication to public safety. Chief Phillip also encouraged the community to continue coming forward with tips, stating that the police department has seen an increase in information being provided to assist the VIPD in reducing violent crime in the territory.

"If you see, hear or know something, please continue to say something," Chief Phillip said.

The V.I. Crime Initiative was organized by Police Commissioner Trevor Velinor in late 2019, according to Mr. Derima.

Residents can continue to anonymously call Crime Stoppers USVI at 1 (800) 222-TIPS where they will remain anonymous and become eligible for a financial reward.